

THE CITY OF CLUSES FRANCE

Cluses is located in the southeastern section of France near Mt. Blanc in the French Alps. It enjoys year-round recreation activities, such as hiking, mountain climbing, swimming, boating, parasailing, golfing, skiing and ice-skating. It became a sister city to Beaverton in 1999. Similarities between the two cities include its history of farmers establishing a city that is now involved with manufacturing precision parts for electronic, automobile and medical industries.



Cluses City Hall

Cluses lies in the L'Arve Valley on the L'Arve River. On the river is a museum housing an old water wheel used for power generation. This building is

close to an ancient bridge that is said to have been ordered repaired by Napoleon. A Mayor, nine Deputy Mayors and 29 City Councilors govern the City. Cluses has a population of 18,000.

Cluses is famous for their Azye wine, Magland sausage and Reblochon cheese. Watchmaking is imbedded in Cluses' history since the 18th century and the Museum of Clock-Making and Bar-Tuning is dedicated to emphasizing this trait. Cluses' is also known for its two main yearly events--a modern pop-rock festival, the "Musiques en Stock Festival" and book fair, "Amperсанд".

CLUSES AND SUSTAINABILITY

How has your city officially defined "sustainability" or created a resolution to protect the environment, economy and society?

The City of Cluses formally committed to a sustainable development program in 2009 called Local Agenda 21¹⁴. It is a UN program that encourages jurisdictions to engage in a more sustainable development both in terms of environment, economy and that of solidarity. It has been associated with seven neighboring towns in this project.

That same year, the City has signed the European Charter for Sustainable Cities, also known as Aalborg.¹⁵ Cluses also committed to follow the "Charter of the French environment" that has existed since 2005 and is backed by the French Constitution.

How does your city take care of recycling, garbage collection, water provision or parks?

¹⁴ www.agenda21-cluses.fr in French

¹⁵ http://www.aalborgplus10.dk/media/charter_english.pdf

Waste and Recycling

The City has begun to take into account the recycling of glass very early in 1989 by offering voluntary collections of places for residents. In 2003, the common Basin Chiusi decided to unite to make the investments necessary for the establishment of a curbside collection program to:

- control the costs of managing household waste
- to save raw materials and energy through the materials recovered and recycled,
- provide better service to residents, friendly environment.

Thus the inhabitants of Cluses have at their disposal a quarantine point of collection to separate their waste. These waste streams are sent to reclamation, instead of the incinerator room. However there is still room for improvement: the inhabitants of the town produced more than 500kg of waste per year and per capita.



Three containers (green, yellow and blue) are used for voluntary contribution for cartons and paper, plastics, cans, bricks, juice and other recyclables.

Water

The city receives two water sources come directly from the surrounding mountains, and to ensure sufficient production for all inhabitants, it has renovated between 2001 and 2005 the water plant that fetches the resource in the water groundwater.

Greenspace or Parks



The Park Esserts

The City of Cluses is highly urbanized and highly concentrated in the bottom of the valley. Mention may be made to the 8 major parks and gardens: The Curt Francis Square, Place Albert Schweitzer, the Garden of Chessy, La Place des Artisans, the Square of Sardagne, the Garden of Annexation, the Garden Pier, The Park Esserts and recreation areas "green" walking distance from downtown as the trail of Mount Chevrans, or cascade Englenaz. The service of gardens and green spaces work

specifically in floral city has been awarded the French "Flower City". In addition, the city is surrounded by natural woodland and meadows.

What are your city's goals supporting the notion of sustainability?

In April 2010, after a diagnosis of territory and work together with citizens and local actors, the municipalities involved in Local Agenda 21 has defined a "Charter of Local Sustainable Development" organized in six strategic areas:

AREA 1 - TAKING ACCOUNT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES IN DISPLACEMENT, ENERGY AND HABITAT

AREA 2 - ORGANIZATION OF SPATIAL EQUILIBRIA RESPECTFUL SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL

AREA 3 - QUALITY OF SERVICE FOR A POOL OF LIFE ATTRACTIVE AND SOLIDARITY

AREA 4 - THE MOBILIZATION OF THE ECONOMY IN THE SERVICE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

AREA 5 - NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT LOCAL PRESERVED

AREA 6 - LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN THE SERVICE TERRITORY OF A CITIZEN AND OPEN TO THE WORLD



What activities are in place?

The City of Cluses has taken many actions in the direction of sustainable development, and have been for many years. Local Agenda 21 is a way to extend this work to organize it in a more coherent and systematic, and go further in the shares. Examples of activities and accomplishments of the City¹⁶.

Social action: a long-standing commitment

- The Grocery Social
- The House of Childhood
- Service "home support" for seniors

Environment and Energy: actions of increasing

- District heating cogeneration
- Distribution of free composters to residents
- The free public transport

Culture for all

¹⁶ For a detailed list of programs and achievements in Cluses see Appendix 2

- The Workshop
- Music in stock

The economy in the heart of the city

- A fund to assist traders and artisans (FISAC)
- Promoting Fair Trade
- Building Energy Audit

Participation of all: a lever for sustainable development

- Neighbourhood councils
- Participatory workshops → Agenda 21



Musiques en Stock - summer rock festival

Which businesses and organizations are promoting sustainability within your city?

There is no association or NGO specialized in environment and sustainable development in Cluses. The City works with associations of the Region.¹⁷

¹⁷ For a list of associations see Appendix 1.4